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How a not-for-profit is helping slum dwellers beat the heat as another record breaking summer sizzles the urban scape

HOW COOL IS THAT!

Tackling climate crisis with focus on thermal comfort

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Temperature has been hitting new highs in Bengaluru as it has been elsewhere in the country as another record-breaking summer advances.

In the ensuing urban heat islands, people who are worst hit are those living in crowded urban settlements, such as slums and areas that lack proper housing. For instance, each summer, slum dwellers face sleepless nights and suffer from skin problems.

Now, as a relief for a few, not-for-profit Hasiru Dala has now come up with an innovative solution which will provide climate-proof housing and reduce the heat as mercury shoots up.

The Hasiru Mane project aims at working towards climate crisis adaptation and mitigation with a focus on thermal comfort, through engagement with communities inhabiting informal settlements, who are amongst the most vulnerable to injustices propagated by human-induced climate change.

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“We are attaching sensors in households to check temperature... In association with cBalance, we are carrying out research on thermal comfort. – Akbar Allahbakash, project manager, Hasiru Dala

Boy who collects e-waste

Pranav refurbished seven laptops from scrap and donated to three orphanages helping 100-odd students

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A standard XI student has started a community initiative of collecting and recycling e-waste. From what can be salvaged, he picks up laptops to be refurbished and distributes them free of cost to underprivileged children.

Pranav Goyal from The International School, Bengaluru, started the initiative REwaste under the Future Leaders programme of 1m1b Foundation. Through the initiative, he wants to ensure that e-waste is disposed of properly and recycled responsibly. While Pranav is a great proponent of technology, he wanted to draw attention to the flip-side of tech, especially e-waste.

As of now, Pranav has conducted two e-waste collection drives in gated communities along the Outer Ring Road and Marathahalli — comprising 700 apartments and 400-500 villas, collecting up to 100 kg of e-waste. The e-waste goes to a government-authorised e-waste processor.

Though the initiative began so as to

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3 THINGS TO DO

01 The jazz swamini

Catch a special session on the legacy of Alice Coltrane. Her unique esoteric and spiritually ecstatic style has been an influence on musicians and spiritual practitioners all across the world. In addition, as the founder and leader of the Sai Anantam Ashram in California, USA, she created a unique community which blended the teachings of Advaita Vedanta with the spiritual traditions of her own upgrading and those of her disciples. American jazz musician Joey van Leeuwen will speak on Coltrane's style and influences as well as her study with Swami Satchidananda and Sathya Sai Baba, the Sai Anantam Ashram, and her work as a Swamini.
Where: Indian Music Experience Museum, Brigade Millenium Rd, JP Nagar 7th Phase ; When: May 1, 5.30 pm to 6.30 pm; Entry: Free

02 Vocal for local

Check out "Indian Craft Collective" by folklore artists, a 10-day handicraft & handloom exhibition. The exhibition has been curated to provide a platform to 75 craftsmen to display their products. Shop products like block print sarees, brass idols, antique furniture, tribal jewellery, Jaipuri bed linen, Kolhapuri chappals, Kashmiri shawls and sarees, handicrafts from Kutch and a lot more. **Where: Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath; When: Till May 1, 10:30 am – 8:30 pm**

03 It's play time!

Creative Circus welcomes everyone between the ages of 13 and 17 to participate in this 5-day journey. Instructors Deepthi and Akash will facilitate a process that derives from their combined and individual experiences of working, performing, and training in the theatre and in the field of music.
Where: Bangalore Creative Circus, 12/2, Yeshwantpur Industrial Suburb; When: May 3 – 7, 10 am to 1 pm; Tickets: Rs 4,750, https://linktr.ee/blrcreativecircus

Missing in kids: A healthy dose of immunisation

Health experts report slight increase in cases of measles, chickenpox; cause attributed to children missing their vaccinations due to covid-19

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PICTURE FOR REPRESENTATION ONLY

A child gets inoculated against measles by government health workers (picture for rep only)

For the last two years, the fear of contracting Covid kept many away hospitals. As a result, people, especially kids, missed out on their regular immunisation. The effects are being seen worldwide as the World Health Organisation has observed that there has been a rise in measles cases by 80 per cent in many countries.

City doctors say that there is a slight increase in measles cases in Bengaluru as well. Dr Sumana Y, Consultant, department of Wellness, BGS Gleneagles Global Hospital, said that there have been reports of a slight increase in the number of diseases like measles, diphtheria etc due to partial and unvaccinated status of children who missed their doses due to disrupted routine immunization services.

Dr Lini Balakrishnan, Consultant – Paediatrician, Motherhood Hospitals, Sarjapur, said though most of the outbreaks were reported in Africa and the East Mediterranean regions, India should not let its guard down. The pandemic disrupted the routine immunisation process across the country as the healthcare sector was overwhelmed and resources were diverted. This gap needs to be bridged through aggressive immunisation efforts, she explained.

Measles is a very contagious disease and can be very dangerous for babies and children. Its symptoms include rashes, high fever, coughing, runny nose and watery eyes. It can lead to complications like ear infections and diarrhoea. In severe cases, it can turn into pneumonia and encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

Dr Shreedhara MS, Consultant - Neonatologist and Pediatrician, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hebbal, said that around 101 mass vaccination programs were cancelled across 56 counties during the first six months of the pandemic. According to WHO, 22 million eligible infants missed their first dose of measles' vaccine. Only 70 per cent of children received the second dose.

A minimum of 95 per cent second dose coverage is recommended to protect communities from a large-scale spread of the virus. However, the reported cases of measles have come down by 80 per cent compared to the previous years, but experts caution that this is primarily because of the breakdown of the surveillance mechanisms, she said. "Vaccinations are highly important for children as they protect them, not only from measles but also other diseases like diphtheria, tetanus, polio, hepatitis B and typhoid to name a few. Now that the situation has improved, parents should get their children vaccinated as soon as possible," she added.

> **"A minimum of 95 per cent second dose coverage is recommended to prevent large-scale spread** – Dr Shreedhara MS, Rainbow Children's Hospital, Hebbal

Parimala V Thirumalesh, Senior Consultant - Neonatology & Paediatrics, Aster CMI Hospital, added, "We are seeing cases of chickenpox among kids; one or two cases are seen on a weekly basis. Chickenpox is highly infectious and can cause complications. Usually, children between 12 and 15 months are given their first dose of chickenpox vaccine and booster doses are given between 4 and 6 years of age for further protection."

According to him, children have not been receiving their pneumococcal vaccines as it was not routine in government centres till recently; hence, there could be an increase in such cases across the city.

Laptops from e-waste

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reduce the environmental impact of e-waste, it has now branched out to salvaging used laptops during collection drives and providing them to underprivileged students after refurbishing them. As of now, Pranav has managed to refurbish up to seven laptops and donated them to three orphanages impacting over a hundred students.

Both refurbishing of laptops and recycling of the e-waste are done by the same company. Hence, the cost of refurbishment of the laptops is offset by the cost of e-waste.

"Though initially, the initiative started as a means to reduce the impact of e-waste on the environment, during the pandemic, I realised that millions of children were unable to attend classes because they didn't have laptops. While privileged students like me were able to continue with their education through online media, it was not the case for many. This initiative was borne out of a desire to do something for them," Pranav told BM.

Through his collection drive, he realised that there is also a stark lack of awareness about e-waste. "People tend to dispose of electronic gadgets along with dry waste. It directly goes to landfills," noted Pranav.

Pranav's curiosity was piqued after reading about e-waste online and developing a keen interest in the subject. After reading up quite a bit about the subject, he contacted the head of the recycling partner and tried to understand the processes involved and how recycling works in India.

Pranav's mother Minal Goyal said, "As a child, he would always volunteer at every opportunity. He is currently teaching English to his school's janitorial staff. He used to be very passionate about physics. Even five years ago, he was much concerned about e-waste disposal."

To scale up the initiative, Pranav wants to approach corporate offices. "Corporate offices replace their devices often and all the electronic waste ends up in landfills. I plan to capture that market and distribute refurbished laptops to a larger number of beneficiaries. I have already tied up with a firm to secure 20 laptops to be refurbished and distributed to beneficiaries in Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh," added Pranav.

Re-exam decision leaves PSI candidates shocked

Scores of students protest, say all their hard work gone to waste

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A day after Home Minister announced annulment of the Police Sub-Inspector (PSI) recruitment; scores of students who had successfully cracked the exam staged a protest in the city on Saturday.

The protesting students asked why the State Government should cancel the exams for misdeeds of seven candidates. One of the protesters told Mirror, "There is no logic in cancelling the exams. This shows that the State Government is shying away from taking responsibility for the scam. We have written the exam honestly. If the State government still doubts our capability, then they can give us another test right now. However, we are not in favour of complete cancellation of the process."

Anil Kumar, a protestor, said how can the re-test be done without verification of all the candidates. "How can the State Government paint all the candidates with the same brush saying all have done wrong? We demand an order copy and then it be announced to all of us that we have indulged in irregularities and then arrest us." Another protestor said that the re-test would mean that the years of effort put in by the candidates would go to waste. It would be very difficult for any candidate to score the same marks and so re-test should not be allowed, the protester said.

Sandeep V Nayak, who had cleared the exam, said, "I have been attempting the selection since 2017. The decision to hold a re-test is not right. I wonder how the decision can be taken so soon. On Friday, around 11.45 am, the kingpin Divya Hagaragi was arrested and by 12.15 pm, Home Minister Araga Jnanendra announced the re-test.

Several PSI candidates protest at freedom park, on Saturday in Bengaluru

Now, we wonder how the police could have finished the interrogation of the kingpin so quickly."

He said the government would do well to remember that the PSI recruitment exam is not SSLC or PU exam for it to be cancelled. "In case of a scam, only the minister concerned is asked to resign and not the entire cabinet. Similarly, only the wrong doers should face the music and not the entire set of candidates," he said.

Pavitra, another protester, said they have been studying for many years to clear this exam. "When the CID investigation is still not completely done, how can a big decision like this be made? The sudden cancellation is leading to a lot of speculation," she said.

Earlier, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has said that he will take a call on re-exam after a probe report is submitted by CID. Even DGP Praveen Sood had tweeted, "Written exam for 402 posts will be conducted as soon as the present investigation by CID is completed; culprits prosecuted and excluded from the present list."

How the probe widened

CID probe first found discrepancies in OMR sheets. Evidence showed that some candidates had tampered with the sheets. Further, the CID found that three more candidates had used electronic devices to cheat in the exam.

The report said that of the 11 candidates (from Jnana Jyothi School) who were selected for the recruitment exam, eight candidates were found to have cheated.

The CID suspects that there could have been irregularities in other exam centres also. Hence, it has requested the government's permission to send OMR sheets of all the successful 545 candidates to the forensic lab. It also wants to analyse the digital evidence of all the 92 exam centres.

Interim CID report

An interim report from CID states that the PSI recruitment exam was held at 92 centres on October 3, 2021. The candidates were shortlisted on January 19, 2022. On April 7, 2022, there were allegations of malpractice held at Jnana Jyoti English School in Kalaburagi. The CID in its interim report had stated that during the probe, it was found that there was discrepancy in the original OMR sheet, the one possessed by the accused candidate. So, a case was filed against Veeresh Chandrashekar and he was arrested. Further probe showed there were discrepancies in four OMR sheets. So, 11 sheets were sent to the forensic lab and it proved that four candidates had tampered with the sheets. The CID found that a few invigilators and school management were hand in glove with the candidates.

REVA's new diagnostic centre to serve those in need

REVA University inaugurated the REVA Diagnostic Centre at its campus recently. The university, in collaboration with CanBank Financial Services Ltd., will run the centre with all diagnostic services, including Xray and ultrasound scans, general and master health checkups, women's health check-ups, and more.

Dr P Shyama Raju, Chancellor, REVA University, said, "Getting diagnostics done at a good hospital is a far-fetched dream for most people here. They frequently face very long waiting periods in the state-run diagnostic centres. They confront daily challenges due to a lack of critical facilities." He said the university has created the diagnostic facility with high-end facilities keeping in mind those from low-income backgrounds.

Binod Sharma, DGM, Canara Bank, was the chief guest at the inauguration.

The inaugural ceremony was followed by a free health camp. Rajeev Ranjan, Executive Director of CanBank Financial Services Ltd., Dr Gale Kathleen Edward, Lab Head of Oncquest Laboratories Ltd., Umesh Raju, Trustee, Dr N Ramesh, Registrar, and Dr Jayashree S, HOD and Professor of School of Applied Sciences were present at the occasion.

Woman murders husband, claims intruder dunnit

CRIME FILES

The Yeshwantpur police have arrested a 27-year-old woman for allegedly killing her husband by stabbing him on the neck from the back while he was asleep at home. The woman Dilli Rani allegedly pulled off this macabre plan to be with her lover. The cops are yet to arrest her boyfriend.

Police said 35-year-old Shankar Reddy was found dead at his house lying in a pool of blood on Friday midnight. The police said that Dilli Rani had separated from Reddy after differences cropped up in their marital life. Dilli Rani had gone to her mother's house in Tirupati a while ago and had come to her husband's house recently. Reddy worked for a private company as an accountant, and Dilli Rani is a housewife. The couple have two children aged six and four, the police added.

Dilli Rani told the police that she was assaulted by an unknown intruder who barged into their house at night and assaulted her rendering her unconscious before killing her husband. She also told the police that soon after she regained her consciousness, she found her husband lying in a pool of blood. A senior police officer said that Dillirani's statements were not convincing as she kept changing her statements and the needle of suspicion has been pointing towards her as the accused.

The investigating officer said that one of her children had gone and approached the house owner in the night and told him that both their father and mother were hurt and covered with blood. The house owner had called the police who rushed to the spot and found Dilli Rani who had just regained her consciousness.

"With the spot inspection and mahajar, the police gathered evidence and clues and the cops concluded that there was no third person in the house, and it was Dilli Rani who had killed her husband. When interrogated, Dilli Rani confessed to the crime. Police found Dilli Rani had called her lover and had told him that she could carry out the crime alone and would join him. According to the police, Dilli Rani's lover also was allegedly a part of the crime in hatching the plot.

Financier's murder: Accused arrested

The Varthur police have tracked down a 35-year-old man to the outskirts of Goa on Saturday after he killed his employer in a cold blooded manner and escaped after robbing her valuables on April 5. The accused Kiran Kumar, a resident of Sarjapur Road was working for Sunitha Ramprasad, 55, an investment banker and financier from Malleswaram. The deceased is unmarried and had employed Kiran Kumar for office work.

Kiran Kumar who was living in a rented apartment and also have a key of a vacant apartment was in a dire need of money and decided to eliminate Sunitha, who is living alone and rich, and decided to rob her money.

As per the plan, he roped in his associates Sheikh Imran, 23 and Venkatesh, 52 and the trio invited her on the pretext of introducing her to a rich client.

—Bellie Thomas

Just the basics, please

Near Panathur village more than 25,000 are inconvenienced by unusable roads; but authorities won't help despite several complaints residents say

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More than 25,000 residents living near Panathur village are being deprived of basic amenities, claimed some residents BM spoke with. Some said they, and their children, are struggling to commute via a road there due to its bad condition. To add to it, the narrow railway underbridge only fuels the traffic congestion. There are more than 30 apartment complexes and three villas here. Among these Shobha Dream Acres alone has 7,000 flats of which more than 3,000 are in use. The residents' survey shows 25,000 people moved to the area in the past few years but their basic requirements are not met.

Residents said the roads are too narrow in Panathur village. Every commuter on this 200-m stretch has to spend over an hour and a half stuck in traffic jams due to the narrowness of the underpass and the bad condition of the road.

Further, they complained that many times even ambulances have gotten stuck in traffic jams for long hours. They claimed they have complained to the authorities concerned on multiple occasions but nothing has been done about the issue.

Roads in the area are in a terrible state (as seen above). Right: The stretches are also too narrow and therefore packed with traffic jams

"I travel via a two-wheeler on this road regularly... At night there are no streetlights. It is dangerous to travel alone – A resident

Recently due to rain the railway underbridge here was filled with water which made things very difficult for commuters. The S bend of Balagere Road here is also narrow; residents stated their demand for it to be widened.

A resident told BM, "I travel via a two-wheeler on this road regularly. Due to the pathetic condition of the road the tyres turn flat. There is no puncture shop nearby. During night time there are no streetlights. It is dangerous to be travelling alone on this stretch."

Another resident said, "The road connects to ORR where major IT Companies are present. However, people have to spend hours to travel even a kilometre. Multiple requests made to the Mahadevapura constituency MLA and members of Parliament Central have gone unnoticed. We had even started an online petition and gathered 10,000 (signatures) but nothing has happened yet."

BM tried contacting BBMP regarding the issue but did not receive a response.

How To Beat The Heat

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A household survey was conducted last year in 25 houses in Jyothipura. The study was carried out on the state of housing, apart from recording the current level of thermal comfort in the homes of waste pickers along with identifying the housing types, so as to design the roofing systems and solutions.

Over six houses were selected under a pilot project and roofing solutions were added to these six houses between December and January. During the month of April, another four houses were added and provided with the roofing solutions.

Wood wool panels, eco board sheets, alufoils and water-filled PET bottle tubes were installed on the sheds or rooftops of these dwellings. The alufoil is said to reflect up to 95% of the radiant heat, while the wood wool panels are heat resistant, fire resistant and eco friendly.

The eco board sheets are said to be strong with a smooth flat surface and highly resistant to heat. PET bottle tubes absorb heat too. Hasiru Mane is undertaken in collaboration with cBalance under the FairConditioning project. In 2021, cBalance reached out to Hasiru Dala seeking collaboration in their project to upgrade/repair houses for the waste picking community. The roofing solution project is under the Saamuhika Shakti initiative, which works to enable informal waste pickers of Bengaluru to lead more secure and dignified lives.

Akbar Allahbakash, project manager for the Hasiru Mane project at Hasiru Dala said, "The settlements of the urban poor are extremely hot during summers. The houses are compact and indoor temperature shoots up during summer which leads to health issues and discomfort. We have collaborated with cBalance and are carrying out research on thermal comfort.

We are also attaching sensors in the households to check on the temperature and indoor and outdoor humidity, which will be recorded where the solutions are installed and where they are not installed."

Forty-four-year-old Vijaylakshmi has been living as part of the aforementioned community in Jyothipura for 40 years. She has worked in the construction sector and in waste picking for the past 20 years. Through the workshop, she learnt about climate change and thermal solutions. Subsequently, she agreed for the installation of the material at her house. After the installation, she said, "The indoor temperatures have reduced compared to earlier times. I am able to carry out household work in much more comfort now and the usage of fans has reduced as well."

According to another resident, 29-year-old Lakshmi, after the installation, the indoor temperature in her home decreased and now they only switch on the fan during the night.

The initial results of the project have been pleasing as gleaned from the residents feedback. Soon, through the sensors, the temperatures will be recorded and is expected to show desired results.

A 'RAW' DEAL

The Bellandur police on Saturday arrested a 33-year-old realtor who is accused of posing as a RAW agent. Based on a complaint filed by the victim, the police tracked down the accused, identified as Arahanth Mohan Kumar Lakkavall, who hails from Shivamogga and is a resident of Rajajinagar. The police have charged him for cheating and impersonation.

According to the police, Kumar, in 2019, he met the woman on a flight to Kuala Lumpur from Bengaluru. During the course of their conversation, the woman mentioned her visa application to Italy and the Czech Republic had been rejected in 2019 without any reason. The accused promised to help find out the reason for the rejection using his official position and took her passport details. A few days later, he reportedly called her and said she had been blacklisted for suspected terrorist activities in many foreign countries. He promised to remove her name from the list, but demanded Rs 6 crore. When she told him that she did not have that kind of money, he convinced her to transfer Rs 89 lakh to various accounts over a period of three years. He even took her to the Whitefield police station and the CID office under the pretext of getting her the required clearances. He arranged it in such a way that she never met any inspector or senior police official at the police station.

Unable to get her passport back, the victim realised that she has been cheated and approached the police on April 26. — BMB

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Taxing wastage

Benson Town

The Indira Canteen here has not been used in months. This is a waste of taxpayers' money unless the authorities utilise it.

Chop chop

KR Puram

The authorities concerned must trim the bushes of wild weeds here.

Traffic trouble

Bangalore Urban

Many in the city are commuting with vehicles with defective number plates. The traffic police must take measures to change this.

Return of the containment zones

Spotlight on Mahadevapura and South; data reveals disparity in test positivity rate in different zones of Bengaluru

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The rise in Covid cases has once again brought back containment zones in the city. After a long hiatus of zero containment zones, Bengaluru has now three containment zones with two in Mahadevapura and one in Bengaluru South zone.

During the third wave, the city had more than 100 containment zones. Meanwhile, after days of zero Covid deaths, the state reported two fresh deaths due to Covid infection.

A 42-year-old man from Vijayapura and 67-year-old woman from Belagavi who were suffering from Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI) died of breathlessness after failed treatment in hospital. Overall, 126 fresh cases were reported in the state including 120 from Bengaluru. The test positivity rate for the day was 1.19 per cent.

Dasarahalli's TPR higher than Delhi

There is also a wide disparity in the test positivity rate (TPR) across various zones. For example, the last seven day's TPR of Dasarahalli seems to be higher than Delhi with 6.47 per cent, followed by Mahadevapura 5.3 per cent, RR Nagar 4.68 per cent, Bommanahalli 2.89 per cent, East 2.52 per cent, Yelahanka 2.26 per cent, West 1.67 per cent and South had the least with 1.34 per cent TPR.

Among the wards, Bellandur seems to be slowly inching towards double digit numbers of Covid cases in a day. As on Friday, Bellandur reported five cases a day followed by Varthur (five) and HSR Layout (four).

FILE PHOTO

> **Passengers from Japan & Thailand will undergo thermal screening on arrival**
>
> — TK Anil Kumar, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department

International passengers to be monitored

TK Anil Kumar, Principal Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department said, "The Covid 19 situation in Karnataka is well under control, with a daily average of 110 cases and Test Positivity Rate ranging between 0.9 - 1.1 per cent. Currently, two per cent of international arrivals from designated countries are being screened at random at airports."

Kumar also added that in view of the recent spurt of Covid-19 cases in China, Australia, Japan, Thailand, Vietnam, New Zealand, Russia and South Korea, further surveillance may be required. Of the eight countries, direct flight services to Bengaluru are available only from Japan and Thailand.

"Hence, it is instructed to initiate the following surveillance measures for those arriving from Japan and Thailand. The passengers from these two countries will undergo thermal screening on arrival. Testing through RT- PCR will be done for those symptomatic at the airport testing laboratory. Samples will be sent for genome sequencing for those found positive."

He said that the BBMP will conduct tele-monitoring of the international passengers from Japan and Thailand for 14 days via a call centre. "If the person develops symptoms during the follow-up period, testing, treatment and management of the case should be taken up as per the state protocol by the district teams," he added.

Doctors, avoid creating communal disharmony

The Karnataka Medical Council has asked the doctors to stay away from creating communal disharmony via social media. In a circular issued, the KMC said, "It was brought to our notice that some doctors were actively participating in the spreading of communal disharmony through social media.

"The participation of doctors in the issues of communal disharmony clearly amounts to professional misconduct for the reason that a doctor is supposed to treat the patient irrespective of his/her caste or religion."

The circular also said, "It is mandated that the doctors are supposed to work in such a way that there should not even be any scope for violation of either medical ethics or professional conduct. Hence, all medical practitioners working in Karnataka have been informed that they should stay away from creating disharmony failing which, they will be dealt with in accordance with law."

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I waited for this candid shot when I visited the famous Ranganathittu Bird Sanctuary in Mandya

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It's a very fishy site

Drop in oxygen levels in the lake and rise in water temperature due to raw sewage is killing the fish

The news of Bengaluru's lakes being polluted is not a new one. From industry effluents being discharged illegally to encroachments on the banks, our lakes are in dire need of attention. Now, the latest cause for concern is the sight of fish dying in Lalbagh Lake in southern Bengaluru.

The phenomenon is not uncommon, however. Over the past years, a number of fish deaths in Bengaluru lakes have been reported.

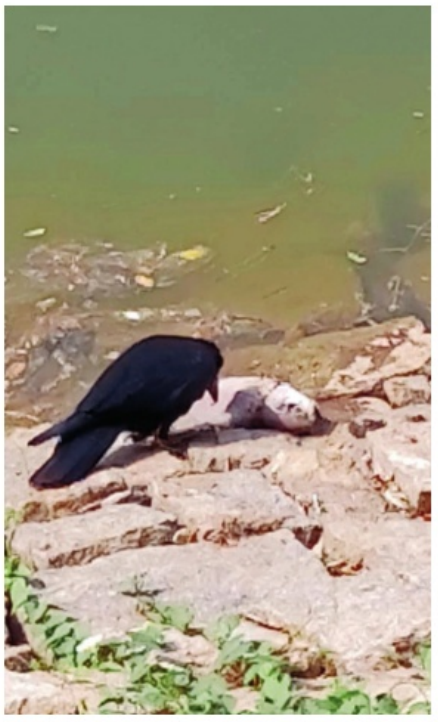
While local authorities are still trying to uncover the root cause, it has been revealed that an increase in high water temperature and the discharge of raw sewage caused the lake's dissolved oxygen levels to plummet, resulting in mass fish mortality. This was first reported by morning walkers. Due to pre-monsoon showers, the rain water was stagnant.

As the water has a lot of rotting organic material, especially during the summer months when temperatures are higher, the dissolved oxygen levels are at their lowest point. The water levels at the very bottom will contain no oxygen and the water level at the top will be too warm, resulting in the loss of fish.

Tahir-Ur-Rahman, a travel consultant said, "I am a regular walker at the lake, and recently, I noticed dead fish floating. It was sad that the carcasses were not cleared. I request the authorities to find alternative solutions to prevent fish deaths."

The lake remains covered with algae for most of the summer. With a large number of algae having grown during the dryer months and then dying during the wetter months, a massive increase in oxygen levels occurred.

This happened due to the intense photosynthesis from the excess nutrients accumulating inside of the lake, said Kusuma, deputy director of the Horticulture Department.



Lalbagh Lake is filled with dead fish floating and authorities are yet to take steps to remedy it

I noticed dead fish floating. It was sad that the carcasses were not cleared

– Tahir-Ur-Rahman, a walker at the lake

The Fisheries Department had earlier recommended installing aerators to increase DO levels.

Aerators are various machines that are used to mix air into water with proper aeration; fish will be able to survive with the right oxygen level that is present in water.

— Vaishnavi Gopalraj

DID YOU KNOW?

One of the oldest festivals to be celebrated in Karnataka, the Karaga festival is a reflection of the region's glorious history and traditions. It is celebrated annually during Chaitra (March/April) according to the Hindu calendar. The Karaga festival is said to have found its roots in the epic Mahabharata. The word 'Karaga' translates to an earthen pot, supporting a floral pyramid and an idol of the goddess. The Karaga is carried on the head of the bearer without touching it. The carrier wears a woman's attire with bangles, mangalsutra, and vermillion on his forehead. This extravagant festival takes place at the renowned Dharmaraya Swamy Temple in Bangalore. The grand procession is held to celebrate Goddess Shakti on a full moon night and starts from the temple around midnight. To mark the end of the festivities, devotees splash turmeric water on each other. Then, on the very next day, the Karaga is immersed in the salt water pond from which it was brought. (with inputs from karnatakatourism.org)

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Let's see how much you know about Namma Bengaluru, folks. Tell us something incredible and mind-boggling about this beautiful city and our editors and researchers will check it out. If it's credible, we'll give it a shout-out, with your name and picture.

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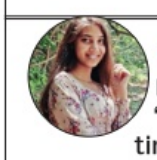
where Bengalureans speak their mind

Name a movie or two that's symbolic of the city and tell us why you think so

Gopal Krishna Raj, Goldsmith
The hype at Majestic Circle during the shot of the great Dr Rajkumar song from the movie "Aakasmika" will forever remain etched in my mind. This song still beats in every Bengalurean's heart and evokes a feeling of unity.

Puneeth, Student
I remember my grandfather making me watch 'Pushpaka Vimana' which was shot at Windsor Manor Hotel (which is now ITC Windsor). This movie shows how simple Bangalore was back in 1987.

Sriram Raju, BM Reader
During my college days, I remember the entire city was intrigued to watch Coolie just to watch the very quirky song "Lambuji Lambuji' which was shot in Cubbon Park, Big Banyan Tree and Nandi Hills.



Harshitha Chandrashekar
Recruiter
"Bangalore Days" is my all-time favourite movie. This movie beautifully portrays a real-life concept of adulting.

Dr NK Satya Pal Sharma
BM reader
Bengaluru is really a hub of many memorable movies. 'Bangalore Mail', '27 Mavalli Circle', 'Nodi Swami Naveerode Heege' and several other movies have been shot at various places like Lalbagh, High Court yard and the beautiful Vidhana Soudha.

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Which eatery/restaurant reminds you of old Bangalore and why?

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THE SUNDAY READ

Gone with the wind...

State has potential to generate around 1,24,042 MW if it harnesses wind energy, but this green source is largely untapped

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Wastelands, along with small portions of cultivable and forest land put together, can generate over one lakh MW of wind energy at a height of 120 metres, says a report by the Karnataka Renewable Energy Development Limited (KERDL). The report released recently has also identified Devanagere, Chitradurga, Gadag and Belagavi as high wind potential regions in the state.

The estimate has been made using advanced modeling techniques and by categorising land features into three groups: wasteland, cultivable land, and forest land. Weightage of 80% for wasteland, 30% for cultivable land and 5% for forest land has been assumed for the estimation.

The study also excludes land features that are not suitable for wind farming. In addition, other developments such as roads, railways, protected areas, airports, etc., have been excluded. Land areas with elevations more than 1,500 m and slopes of more than 20° have also been excluded.

According to the experts, while the total wind energy potential of the state has been estimated at 1,24,042 MW, the current demand is much less.

"Our demand is still in the range of around 10,000 MW. Even if we achieve 10% of the estimated potential, we will be able to meet our wind energy targets easily. However, there are other constraints such as land acquisition and the need for forward-looking policies to achieve this target," said Ramesh Shivanna, president of the Karnataka Renewable Energy Systems Manufacturers Association.

Conducted in association with the National Institute of Wind Energy, the report says that while areas with high wind potential and utilisation can be developed into large wind farms, those with lower potential could be considered for distributed generation and also for a wind-solar hybrid for better utilisation of the resources.

While the study has taken into consideration the available wasteland, cultivable land and forest land, experts point to some hurdles along the way.

"The report considers forest land to estimate the state's wind energy potential. However, it is extremely difficult to get clearance for wind farms on forest land. While private land and wasteland are available, there are other challenges associated with such acquisitions," said a renewable energy developer.

While the estimate is more authentic as Geographical Information System (GIS) has been used to map land use and land types, experts say that forward-looking policies such as wind-solar hybrid policy and round-the-clock (RTC) supply contracts are the need of the hour.

Notably, one of the biggest impediments to transition from coal-fired thermal plants to renewable sources of energy has been the lack of RTC supply of renewable power.

"The Karnataka Renewable Energy Policy (2022-27) talks about RTC supply contracts. Once brought into force, it is expected to overcome the limitations of solar and wind energy sources that produce power only when there is enough sunshine or wind," said Shivanna.

Wind power struggling to catch up?

According to the renewable energy progress report of the state, the wind power sector in the state has been struggling to match the growth of the solar sector. Up to March 2022, while Karnataka has 22,946 MW of allotted capacity, only 5,149 MW was commissioned.

"Installation of wind power projects has surely slowed down. The sector has been struggling as the majority of the investors started focusing on solar energy. However, with the new energy policy announcement, the tide is slowly shifting in favor of wind energy. Many investors now are again excited about wind power. This is owing to recent policy changes such as RTC supply of renewable energy and the 'National Wind-Solar Hybrid' policy," said the developer.

Experts say the 'National Wind-Solar Hybrid' policy will make it easier for investors and developers to set up large-scale power projects. It will mean no separate approval and clearances are required for wind and solar plants and is aimed at improving the efficacy of the usage of transmission infrastructure and land.

"Once the hybrid policy kicks in, it will be easy to club both the energy forms and optimise the supply. The hybrid policy will allow solar panels to be installed on wind farms and vice versa. The developers will be able to set up the plants and supply power using the same grid connectivity infrastructure. Secondly, the policy also comes with incentive schemes in the form of tariff benefits," said Shivanna.

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Hottest April in 122 years for central, northwest India: IMD

Northwest and central India experienced their hottest April in 122 years with average maximum temperatures reaching 35.9 and 37.78 degrees Celsius respectively, the weather office said on Saturday.

Addressing a press conference, India Meteorological Department Director General Mrutyunjay Mohapatra said northwest and west central parts of the country - Gujarat, Rajasthan, Punjab and Haryana - will continue to experience above normal temperatures in May as well.

Nights would be warmer in May in most parts of the country, except some regions of south peninsular India, Mohapatra said.

The average temperatures observed pan-India for April was 35.05 degrees, which was the fourth highest in 122 years, he said.

"The average rainfall in May 2022 over the country is most likely to be above normal," Mohapatra said.

However, parts of northwest and northeast India as well as the extreme southeast Peninsula are expected to get below normal rainfall in May, he said.

The high temperatures in March and April were attributed to "continuously scanty rainfall activity", he said.

In March, northwest India recorded a deficit in rainfall of around 89 per cent, while the deficit was nearly 83 per cent in April, mainly on account of feeble and dry western disturbances, Mohapatra said.

North India witnessed six western disturbances but they were mostly feeble and moved across the higher parts of the Himalayas, he said, adding the last three western disturbances caused strong winds in parts of Delhi and dust storms over Rajasthan in April.

India, particularly northwest and western parts of the country, has been reeling under intense heatwave conditions for the past few weeks. **-PTI**

HEALTH TIP: Nuts and seeds are nutritional powerhouses, providing healthy fats, protein, fibre, and an array of vitamins and minerals

If you have chronic anxiety, caffeine may cause nervousness and jitters, neither of which is good if you're anxious

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IN THE SPIRIT OF EID

Add some sparkle to the festivities with these recipes that are a must for the occasion

MUTTON DUM PUKHT BIRYANI

Prep Time: 1 hr
Cooking Time: 50 mins
Serves 5

INGREDIENTS

- Basmati rice: 1 kg
- Whole spices (cinnamon, cloves, black cardamom, green cardamom, bayleaf, mace): 1 tsp

For the mutton base

- Ghee: 4 tbsp
- Refined oil: 4 tbsp
- Whole spices (cinnamon, cloves, black cardamom, green cardamom, bayleaf, mace): 2 tsp
- Onions, sliced: 2
- Ginger garlic paste: 6 tbsp
- Mutton curry cut: 1 kg
- Coriander powder: 1 tsp
- Turmeric powder: 1 tsp
- Red chilli powder: 1 tsp
- Kashmiri chilli powder: 1 tsp
- Garam masala: 1 tbsp
- Curd: 1 and ½ cup
- Kewra water: 1 tsp
- Milk: 3 & 1/2 cup
- Black pepper powder: 1 tsp
- Green cardamom powder: 1 tsp
- Javitri powder: 1/2 tsp
- Meetha ittar: 3 drops
- Salt: to taste

Finishing

- Saffron water: 6 tbsp
- Ghee: 2 tbsp
- Garnish: Brown onions, mint sprigs

METHOD

For Basmati rice

- Add rice to a strainer and rinse well in water. Soak in water for an hour. Strain & keep aside. Boil it with whole spices until 70% done. Strain and keep aside, again.

For mutton stock

- In a heavy-bottomed pan, combine ghee and oil, heat on medium flame. Add whole spices and temper for a few mins. Add sliced onions and sauté until soft and translucent. Once the onions are soft, add ginger-garlic paste, and keep cooking for a few minutes. Add mutton pieces and mix well. Add powdered spices and season with salt. Cook for 20 – 25 mins or till mutton is half done. Add curd and cook further till mutton is three-fourth done. Separate mutton from the stock and reduce stock further on slow flame. Once stock reduces to half, add milk and reduce it further. Finish off with kewra water, ittar, pepper powder, cardamom, javitri powder. Check seasoning, and remove from heat.

For finishing

- In a heavy-bottomed pan, evenly spread cooked mutton, followed by a layer of cooked rice and pour the reduced stock. Finish with saffron water and ghee. Cover vessel with lid and seal from all sides with dough. Place the vessel on hot tawa and cook over medium heat for 12- 15 mins. Once done, turn off heat and let it rest for 10 mins. Open the vessel, mix the rice well. Garnish with brown onions and mint sprigs and serve with raita.

ALOO PANEER SEEKH

Prep Time: 40 mins
Cooking Time: 15-20 mins
Serves 4

INGREDIENTS

- Potatoes, boiled and grated: 2 cup
- Paneer, grated: 1 & ½ cup
- Green chilli paste: 2 tbsp
- Processed cheese: 1 tbsp
- Powdered spice mixture (jeera, turmeric, white pepper powder): 1 tsp each
- Chaat masala: 3/4th tsp
- Black salt powder: 3/4th tsp
- Garam masala powder: 3/4th tsp
- Roasted chana dal powder: 1 cup
- Salt: To taste

For finishing

- Melted butter: 4 tbsp
- Chaat masala: 1 tsp

To serve: Mint chutney, onion slices, lemon wedges

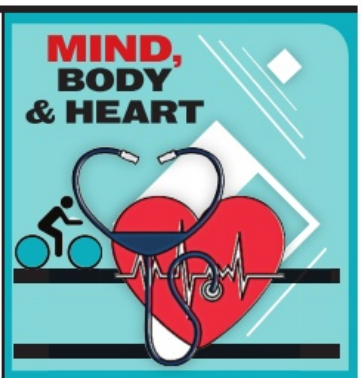
METHOD

- In a mixing bowl, combine grated potato and paneer and mix well. Add green chilli paste and processed cheese, mix well.
- To the above mixture, add powdered spices along with black salt powder, salt and roasted chana dal powder. Combine into a smooth dough. Rest the mixture in the fridge for 20 – 30 mins before using it.

For finishing

- Pre-heat the oven at 180 degree Celsius. Divide the mixture into equal portions. With moist hands, shape the mixture into skewers.
- Brush them with melted butter and place the skewers into the pre-heated oven and cook till brown. Remove skewers from the oven when done and brush them again with melted butter and sprinkle with chaat masala.
- Serve hot with mint chutney, onion slices and lemon wedges.

By Chef Saurabh Arora, City Chef, Impresario Handmade Restaurants, Bangalore



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

I'm a guy in my 20s and one of my colleagues is an older woman in her 40s, who I find very sexy.
My mates all think it's hilarious that I fancy her, as she's old enough to be my mum, but I haven't met anyone of my own age that I like as much. She's smart, super attractive and confident, and I want to ask her out, but feel intimidated.
Will I look like an idiot if I make a move? Is it best not to go there as she's a colleague?
I'd love some advice from an older lady like yourself.

COLEEN SAYS

OK, as an "older lady", I'd be very flattered if a younger guy found me attractive and it would undoubtedly be an ego boost. However, my eldest son is older than you and I'd just find it a bit weird to be honest, mostly because I think I'd struggle to find things we had in common. Would I want to get drunk with his mates? No. Would I want to watch the same telly programmes? Probably not. You see where I'm going with this. But look, that's just me and maybe if she's single and looking for a fun arrangement with no pressure or expectation, then she might be all in.
I think the problem might be if the relationship becomes serious when you're both clearly at different stages of life, or if one of you is looking for more commitment than the other. But we're getting ahead of ourselves here. The only way to find out is to ask her if she fancies a coffee or a drink after work, get to know each other outside the office, and take it from there. You have to be mindful that if a relationship with a colleague doesn't work out, you'll still have to work with them!
—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

 # A life-changing moment
Actor Sanjjanaa Galrani, who is in the final month of her pregnancy, penned an emotional note on her Insta account. Life is different when you embrace parenthood after being in showbiz, she writes

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INTERVIEW BENEDICT CUMBERBATCH, ACTOR

Meet a true anarchist

Tete-a-tete with uber-cool actor reveals hitherto unknown facts

In the real world, there's nothing really strange about Benedict Cumberbatch. He's the quintessential charmer who can sway people with his charisma and nonchalance with consummate ease. Yet, in the Marvel universe, he plays the rather wry superhero Doctor Strange. While Benedict's portrayal is far from strange, the world and multiverse that this sorcerer inhabits is certainly off-kilter. In an exclusive chat with **Rachit Gupta** of ETimes, the Hollywood heartthrob gets into a random mood and tells us about time travel, strange rumours and being an agent of chaos. Excerpts...

If you had the Time Stone in real life, which event in history would you go back to and change?

Certain fans think I should go back in time and make people forget who Mysterio was, that's what I missed out doing in Spider-Man. I don't know if I would change anything in my life. I know we should not mess with timelines, everything gets very topsy turvy, but there have been a few horrific mess-ups as far as the species is concerned. Maybe I'd go back in time and invent an alternate source of fuel that was non-finite and wouldn't destroy our planet and our species.

You hand Thanos the time stone, you rip up the Multiverse for Spiderman and in this movie you're literally turning it all upside down again. Is Doctor Strange the agent of chaos in the Marvel universe?

Yeah, he's the true anarchist isn't he.

What's the strangest thing you've heard about yourself?

That I own a pig farm in New South Wales.

Have you ever seen an Indian movie?

I have, but I can't seem to recall the name right now.

Who are your favourite Indian actors?

Sir Ben Kingsley and Dev Patel. They are Indian actors and I just worked with them and they're great.

> Maybe I'd go back in time and invent an alternate source of fuel that was non-finite and wouldn't destroy our planet and our species

How was the experience of working with Elizabeth Olsen as The Scarlet Witch?

She's wonderful, she's like a breath of fresh air. She's the real light and force of nature. She just steps on set and everybody just kind of gets in the mood. She doesn't take that ability or herself seriously and yet when she's doing it, she's mesmerising to watch. She's a fine actress and very good friend.

Sam Raimi has taken up the reins for Doctor Strange in the Multiverse Of Madness. Which film of his is your favourite and why?

I've watched the first Evil Dead and The Spider-Man trilogy and I've watched a few more of his films especially when he was attached to direct this movie. I thought he's a very obvious fit for this kind of film with a dark tone, horror that has to be Marvelified. It has shock horror and jump scares which Sam is a master of. Fans of his work will see a lot of nostalgic moments relived in his methodology and execution. He's a sweet man and it was a privilege to work with him, he makes for a lovely first audience and it feels nice to be able to make him laugh.

Assets worth Rs 7.27 crore attached from Jacqueline

In the latest development in Sukesh Chandrasekhar's 200 crore money laundering case, the Enforcement Directorate has attached assets of Jacqueline Fernandez worth Rs 7.27 crore, which includes her fixed deposits worth 7.12 crore "The ED has clarified that the actress is not an accused in the case but a suspect. Since the actress and her family members have received expensive gifts from Sukesh, Jacqueline may be called for questioning later," revealed a source.

In the past too, Jacqueline has been questioned by the investigating agency, which is probing a 200 crore money laundering case involving Sukesh Chandrasekhar. Revealing details about their connection, Jacqueline had told ED officials that she was in touch with Sukesh Chandrasekhar since 2017 and that the conman had told her that he belonged to late Jayalalithaa's family. "I have been speaking to Sukesh since February 2017. In August 2021, he was arrested, after which I never met him. He told me that he is the owner of Sun TV..." Jacqueline told the ED, reads the charge sheet according to PTI.

—ETimes

SRK, Kajol to reunite?

Bollywood's iconic on-screen Jodi, Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol could reunite for Karan Johar's directorial 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani' which features Alia Bhatt and Ranveer Singh in the lead roles.

According to a report in Bollywood life, the iconic duo will team up once again, for a special performance in Karan Johar's film. The report also states that Shah Rukh might give a day to Karan Johar for his shoot and most probably they will do the shooting in Mumbai.

Furthermore, the report also suggested that what the appearance of the Shah Rukh Khan and Kajol entails is yet to be decided. So would it will be a special song or a scene? Your guess is as good as ours.

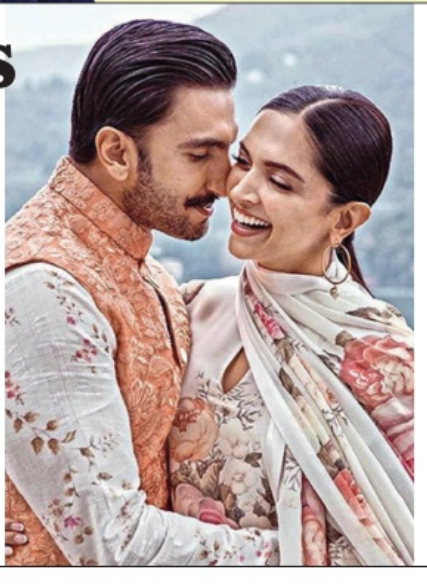
The wind beneath his wings

Time and again Ranveer Singh has mesmerised his fans and audiences with path-breaking performances and off-screen charm. The actor has battled against all odds to carve a niche for himself in the industry. Reflecting on the same Ranveer shares that he owes a lot to the women in his life — especially his mom Anju Bhavnani, sister Ritika Bhavnani and wife Deepika Padukone.

Talking about being surrounded by such strong and lovely women, Ranveer shares that whatever he has achieved in life, it's because of him being surrounded with 'very strong feminine forces' and 'energies' right from his childhood and throughout his life. Not just his support system, they are literally the 'centre of his universe', Ranveer acknowledges. Praising his wife Deepika along with his mom Anju and sister Ritika, Ranveer went on to share that they are the reason he is able to do whatever he is doing.

The 'Jayeshbhai Jordaar' actor also shared that his mom means everything to him and his sister is likea second mother to him. Speaking of his wife, Ranveer says, Deepika is the wind beneath his wings. He also added that even his team is constituted by mostly women and they are the reason why he has evolved so much.

Being a part of 'Jayeshbhai Jordaar,' Ranveer says that he feels happy that he got this opportunity, where he could, through his art, express his gratitude to all the women in his life. He said being a part of a film that is a tribute to women in his life, is special to him.



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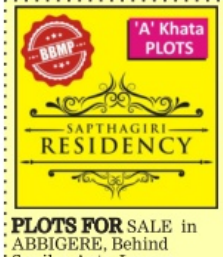

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Spot the big cat soon at Bannerghatta zoo

Zoo Authority confirms leopard safari may be open for visitors by May 15

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Currently, the safaris at the park feature lions, tigers, bears

The much-delayed leopard safari in Bannerghatta National Park may open to the public in May. Zoo Authority of Karnataka Chairman LR Mahadevaswamy told BM the plans to open the safari by May 15 are afoot.

There are many leopards in Bannerghatta National Park. The officials are releasing six leopards at a time during trial runs to study their behaviour before opening in May. The safari enclosure will be 3.5 acres. Authorities believe that once the leopard safari is open, it will attract visitors.

Currently, the safaris at the park feature lions, tigers and bears. Meanwhile, Shivamogga may soon have a Gaur safari. The zoo is stepping forward to make its own fodder to avoid dependency. It has been very successful in Shivamogga. As there are high tension wires passing through Mysuru zoo, it is very difficult to make fodder in Mysuru.

Mysuru zoo becomes 'atma nirbhar'

Covid hit the zoos' revenue. Hence, many zoos in the state are becoming 'atma nirbhar' at least as far as fodder is concerned. Covid-19 has brought much change in zoo management. The constraints regarding availability of resources at the zoo, mainly the fodder for the animals, made zoo managements make their own fodder independently in vacant lands.

Mysuru is growing Napier grass in the empty land. With this 60 per cent of fodder for elephants and other animals is supplied. Shivamogga zoo is also making its own fodder and it is self-reliant regarding fodder matters due to the availability of the vast land and water. But due to increasing summer heat, animals are dehydrated. There are mineral supplements supplied for Chimpanzees and other animals. Chimpanzees were given tender coconut water regularly to beat the summer heat. There is an encouraging trend in the adoption of animals in zoos. Rs 2.5 crore in funds was received last year for this.

Director of the Mysuru Zoo Ajith Kulkarni said, "Many measures are being taken by the zoo management to beat the summer heat. We are growing fodder to make ourselves self-reliant. Due to the high tension lines above, we can't use the vacant land completely. But we are doing well."

Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests B P Ravi said, "We have followed a good diet pattern for zebras in the zoo. It has resulted in good breeding. Covid caused financial problems but taught us to be self-reliant."

-Prakash VL

Over 3L bogus pensioners identified

Karnataka Revenue Minister R Ashoka on Saturday said the government has been able to identify 3.58 lakh ineligible and bogus beneficiaries of social security pensions, which has led to savings worth Rs 430 crore.

The state at present offers nine monthly pensions, including old age, disability, widows, unmarried/divorced women, transgenders, acid attack victims and endosulfan patients. "We are using our Navodaya app to review pension beneficiaries, the data is linked to the ration database and e-Janma (births and deaths) database. This has made it possible to identify ineligible pensioners, including those who are dead," Ashoka said.

He said there are 73.23 lakh beneficiaries in the state and in 2020-21, the government spent Rs 7,800 crore on pension payments, which is expected to go up to Rs 9,483.51 crore this year. Claiming to have initiated India's first new paperless system in which pension applicants will be onboarded within 72 hours, the minister said, "It's called Hello Revenue Minister, where one needs to call a toll free number to place a request using Aadhaar. It will then be transferred to the village accountant, who will visit the applicant and verify, after which the order approved by the deputy tahsildar will be sent to the applicant." He said Bengalureans will have to wait for the 72-hour facility because there are no village accountants in the city. **PTI**

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50 for Kohli, but win eludes RCB

Despite setting decent target of 171, RCB suffers 6-wicket defeat at hands of Gujarat Titans

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Royal Challengers Bangalore skipper Faf du Plessis on Saturday said Virat Kohli scoring his first half-century in 14 IPL matches was a "huge step in the right direction".

Kohli's fifty notwithstanding, RCB suffered a six-wicket defeat at the hands of table toppers Gujarat Titans here.

Asked about Kohli getting to his season's first half-century after a prolonged slump in form, du Plessis said, "It was a huge step in the right direction to get a solid 50. You want one of your top 4 to get the 70s in the future, so it's good."

TRACKING IPL 2022

Gujarat Titans extended their dominance at the top of the table with the win over RCB in the Indian Premier League and closed in on a play-off spot in their inception year.

RCB set GT a target of 171.

"We tried to get 175-180. They bowled well in the middle and kept us down. We started well with the ball but they played under pressure really well as they are in the tournament.

"... the bowlers being taken down by good batting took it their way. There was big side on one side, and there was one over (4th last) where most balls went to the legside," du Plessis said.

Rahul Tewatia (43 not out) and David Miller (39 not out) did the job for GT after the table toppers were struggling at 95 for four in the 13th over.

With 16 points, which has been the magic mark, the Titans are on course towards a top-two finish at the end of league stage.

"Another game with Tewatia was great, it's important to have such performances to get to the playoffs," said Miller at the presentation ceremony. "Playing a lot of golf helped, but being relaxed with Ashish Nehra and Gary Kirsten in the coaches list helped."

When asked about GT skipper Hardik Pandya, the South African said, "He's taken to captaincy well, his batting is good. He's level-headed off the field and has managed the atmosphere excellently..." — PTI

(Left) Royal Challengers Bangalore's Virat Kohli's wife Anushka Sharma and Dinesh Karthik's wife Deepika Pallikal during the 43rd T20 cricket match. (Right) Kohli celebrates his half century

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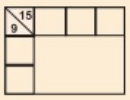
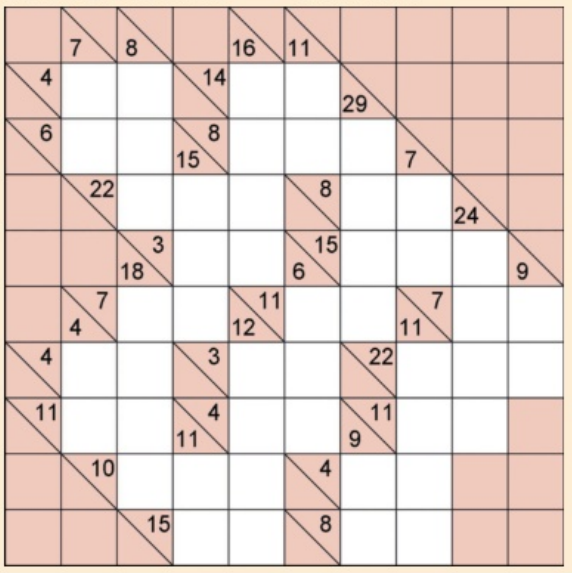
PARAS

Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.



Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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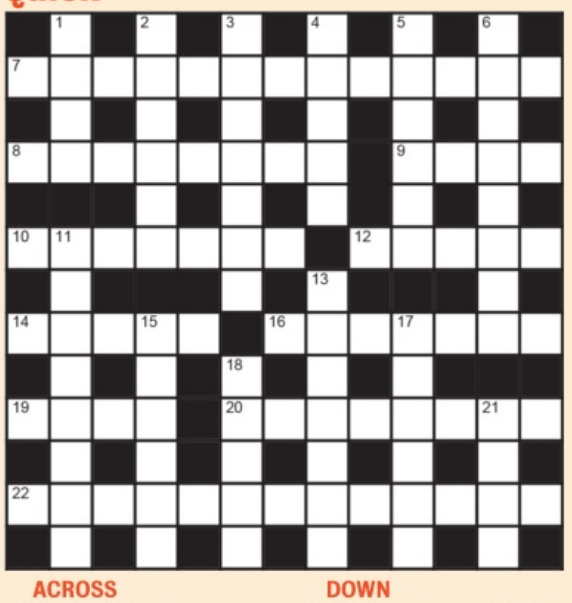


ACROSS

7 Quarrelsome (13)
8 Oral examination? (4-4)
9 Virtuous or uncontaminated (4)
10 Beliefs or ideas (7)
12 Artist's cap (5)
14 Condition (5)
16 Knives, forks, spoons, et al. (7)
19 Television award (4)
20 Pain-relieving medicines (8)
22 A simile to describe the fearlessness of a person (2,4,2,5)

DOWN

1 Able was I, ___ __ saw Elba ? (3,1)
2 Karnataka Lake home to a bird sanctuary (6)
3 Cries or laments over (7)
4 Rising sharply (5)
5 Russian plain? (6)
6 Eavesdrop (8)
11 One who hopes for the best (8)
13 Post-mortem? (7)
15 Pop star ___ Swift (6)
17 Plies, ranks or rows; strata (6)
18 Sturdy (5)
21 Make less painful (4)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: A EQUALS G

RSFUF WM LVUF RV TWBF RSQY WYGUFQMWYA WRM MJFFX.

Linemaro

Mind if I sit here? You are so hot, and I could use a tan

Mindchow

If at first you don't succeed, get new batteries

Joke of the day

I changed my iPod's name to Titanic. It's syncing now

Loop

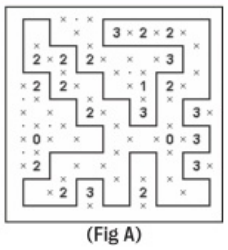
Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.

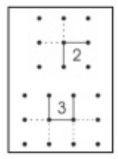
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

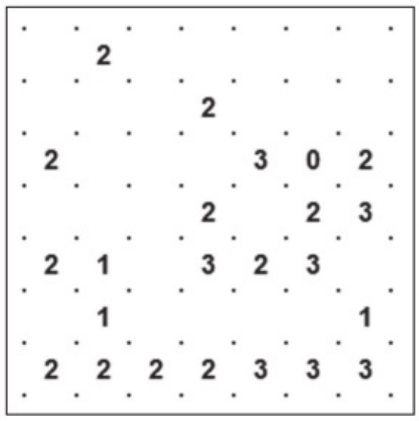
Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



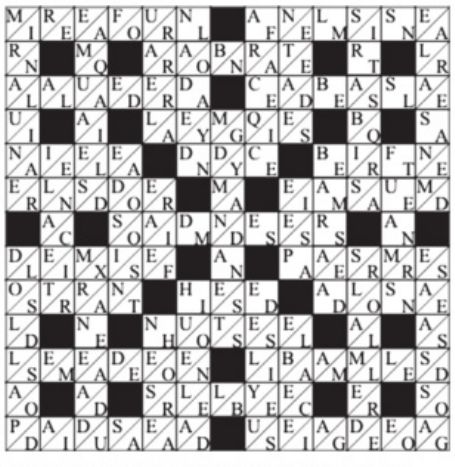
(Fig A)



(Fig B) Not Allowed



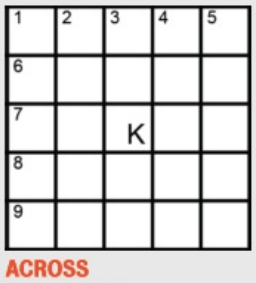
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

1 Boers; 6 Tiara;
7 Rakes; 8 Whale;
9 Slink

DOWN

1 Raw LB; 2 Irish;
3 On kea; 4 Stake;
5 Laser

Mensapuzzle

What is the last line?

975949
634536
182018
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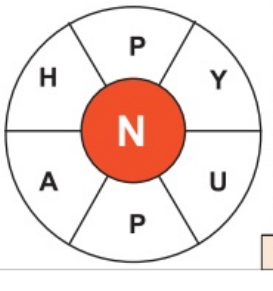
Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

01 Average; 02 Good; 03 Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

4				8				9
			6		3			
8		3		7		6		1
5				4				8
	2						9	
3				6				5
9		6		3		8		7
			8		7			
1				2				3

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

Easy = 8: 1 2 8 9

Medium = 6: 3 6 7 8

Hard = 1: 4 7 9 5

HOCUS-FOCUS

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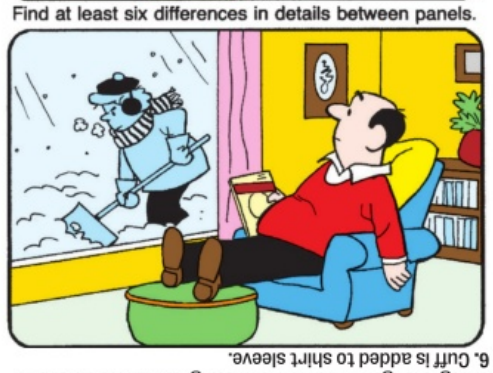
Find at least six differences in details between panels.



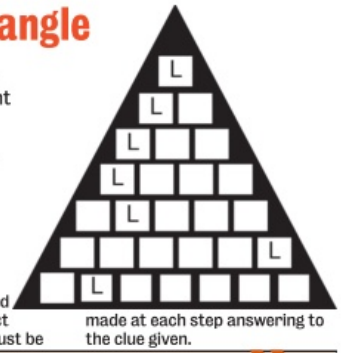
Differences: 1. Arm is moved. 2. Picture is different. 3. Leg is longer. 4. Button is missing. 5. Plant is different. 6. Cuff is added to shirt sleeve.

Riddler

A magazine competition invited people to come up with "invented" inventions of the cyber-age. For example, a solar powered clothes drier (a rope) and a hand-held word processor (a pencil). Can you guess what this is? It is a portable arcade. A hand-held amusement resource with no cartridges or batteries. Access games of speed, dexterity, memory, cunning. Produce magical effects or construct lofty towers. Some games can increase your income.

Alpha triangle

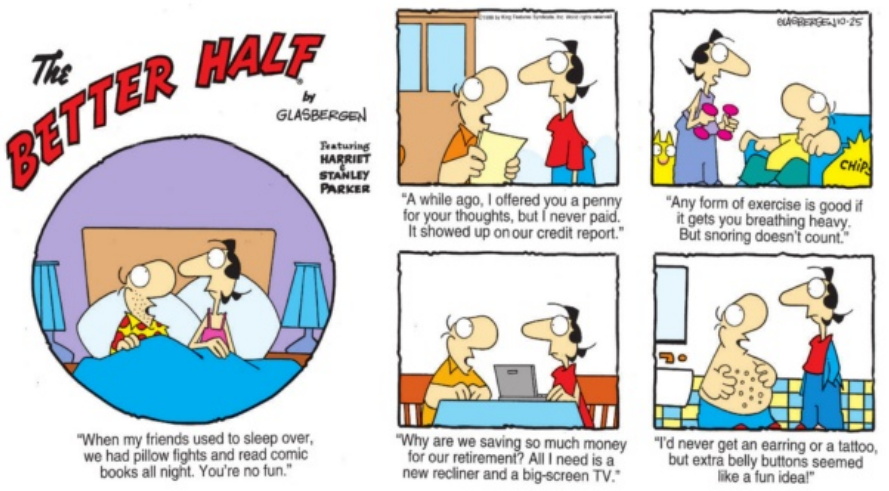
1 Learner's plate
2 Note to follow so
3 Varnish ingredient
4 Shoestring
5 Lucid
6 Breakfast option
7 Butcher's knife

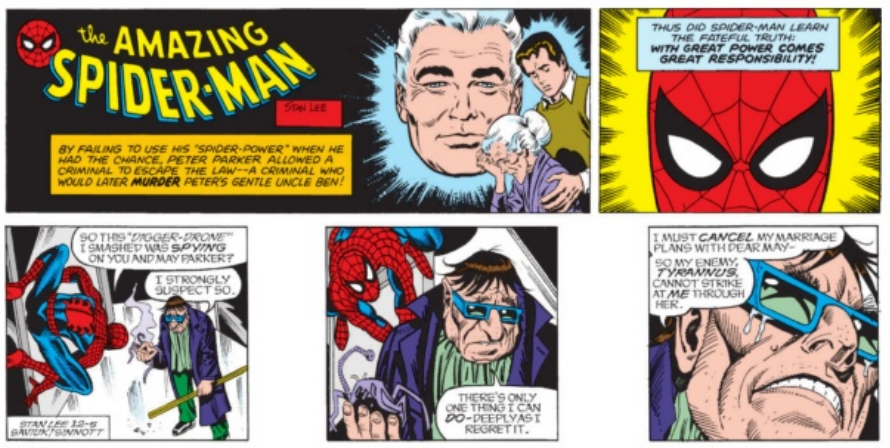


Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE

COMICS


The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"When my friends used to sleep over, we had pillow fights and read comic books all night. You're no fun."
"A while ago, I offered you a penny for your thoughts, but I never paid. It showed up on our credit report."
"Any form of exercise is good if it gets you breathing heavy. But snoring doesn't count."
"Why are we saving so much money for our retirement? All I need is a new recliner and a big-screen TV."
"I'd never get an earring or a tattoo, but extra belly buttons seemed like a fun idea!"


the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
Stan LEE
BY FAILING TO USE HIS "SPIDER-POWER" WHEN HE HAD THE CHANCE, PETER PARKER ALLOWED A CRIMINAL TO ESCAPE, THE LAW--A CRIMINAL WHO WOULD LATER MURDER PETER'S GENTLE UNCLE BEN!
THUS DID SPIDER-MAN LEARN THE FATEFUL TRUTH: WITH GREAT POWER COMES GREAT RESPONSIBILITY!
SO THIS "DIGGER-DRONE" I SMASHED WAS SPYING ON YOU AND MAY PARKER?
I STRONGLY SUSPECT SO.
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING I CAN DO--DEEPLY AS I REGRET IT.
I MUST CANCEL MY MARRIAGE PLANS WITH DEAR MAY--
SO MY ENEMY, TYRANNUS, CANNOT STRIKE AT ME THROUGH HER.
STAN LEE 12-6 BAVIK/SINNOTT
STOP!
I NEVER THOUGHT I'D HEAR MYSELF SAY THIS, MOLE MAN--
BUT I THINK YOUR WEDDING SHOULD GO FORWARD AS PLANNED.
HAS PETER TAKEN LEAVE OF HIS (SPIDER) SENSES?

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
The moon will bless you. You may be confident and enjoy your work, which may speed up your project. You may also feel healthy. Your desires may come true too. People around you will take help from you to solve problems. This may boost your prestige in society.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Your moon is not in a good place. You may feel dull and may face health issues, which may affect your daily routine. Some folks you know may betray you too. Be alert. You may be confused while making decisions. Do not make any financial decisions related to your business. Be patient and avoid hurrying.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Blessings from the moon may help you to make the right decision regarding investments. Past investments may yield profit. You may start working on a new project which may give you benefits in the long run. You may expand your network to improve your social status.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
You may be busy at work. Your focus on your goal will be clear, which may help you to complete your tasks before the deadline and with perfection. You may enjoy happy moments with the family. Singles may find soulmates. You may plan to renovate your house or office, which may enhance your status.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
You are blessed by the moon. Elders' blessings may help recover from last week's messy situation. Destiny will side with you as you observe progress in life. Your spiritual power may help you to make right decisions. Your financial condition may be improved.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today, you will be a victim of negative thoughts. Impatience and arrogance will prevent you from making difficult decisions. You will be in the need of blessings from elders. Avoid investments in dead assets. Love birds must avoid discussing bad moments.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
You're blessed by the moon and may expect good news in terms of profession. Domestic life may be filled with joy. Avoid arguments on worthless topics. You may make important decisions regarding investments in assets. Students may be focused on their studies.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today is good for your work; you may perform well. Your seniors may give you some responsibility in terms of promotions. You may be in the winning position regarding litigation. Your kid's health may be better now. You may meet with consultants regarding investments to secure the future for your kids. You may establish control over enemies.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Children and their education may keep you busy. You may be able to do difficult tasks easily. You may spend on artefacts or household stuff to improve your lifestyle. You may also spend on your friends and family members. Singles may find soulmates. Love birds may enjoy happy moments.

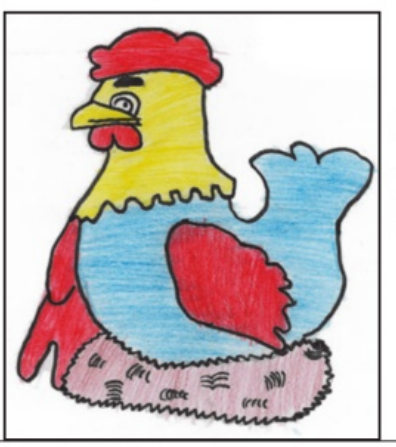
Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
You may feel dull and sense negativity around you. Control your way of speaking to avoid trouble. You may not follow suggestions given by your well wisher. By late evening things will look up.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
You're blessed by the moon. Self respect may help you deal with negative people around you. You may be more emotional regarding family issues. You may perform well at work, you may help complete your tasks on time and boost your confidence. Your inner self may help you to make difficult decisions in terms of business growth.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today, you are blessed by the moon. You may be able to control spending on worthless stuff. You may meet an adviser to get some direction, which may help to invest your savings better and boost your financial health. You may find yourself being more polite with others; this may boost your respect among those around you.

KIDZONE

Bharath Kumar M, 11 Years, Holy Child Convent



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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
-16(-1-3)+33(-12)³
-16(-4)+33(-12)³
-16×-4+33(-12)³
64+33(-12)³
2(-12)³
2(-1)³
2(-1)
2×(-1)
-2

RIDDLER
A deck of cards

BULL'S EYE
happy, puny, UNHAPPY

FAST FIVE

B	R	O	S	E
R	I	A	T	A
A	S	K	E	R
W	H	E	A	L
L	I	N	K	S

STRIKE OUT

I	R	E	F	U	L	F	E	L	I	N	E			
N	O	R	A	B	A	T	R	R						
L	A	U	D	E	D	C	A	B	A	L	A			
I	A	A	E	G	I	S	Q	S						
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O	D	R	E	B	E	C	E	O						

QUICK

E	G	B	S	S	O			
A	R	G	U	M	E	N	T	R
E	D	M	E	E	E			
V	I	V	A	V	O	C	E	
V	I	V	A	V	O	C	E	
P	U	R	E					
A	S	B	O	L	D	A	S	S
T	R	Y	S	E				

MENSA PUZZLE
808. Multiply the first two numbers in the preceding line; multiply the next two numbers in the preceding line; multiply the last two numbers in the preceding line

QUOTE UNCODE
There is more to life than increasing its speed.

SUDOKU

4	6	2	5	8	1	7	3	9
7	1	5	6	9	3	2	4	8
8	9	3	4	7	2	6	5	1
5	7	1	3	4	9	2	6	8
6	2	8	7	1	5	3	9	4
3	4	9	2	6	8	1	7	5
9	5	6	1	3	4	8	2	7
2	3	4	8	5	7	9	1	6
1	8	7	9	2	6	5	4	3

ALPHA TRIANGLE
L, la, lac, lace, Clear, Cereal, Cleaver.

GO FIGURE
Easy
8 × 2 + 1 − 9 = 8
Medium
8 − 3 + 7 − 6 = 6
Hard
9 + 4 − 5 − 7 = 1

LOOP

KAKURO

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Max. Cashback: ₹3,000 per card account
Validity: 23 April - 15 May 2022

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at Reliance Jewels stores
Min. Trxn: ₹25,000;
Max. Cashback: ₹2,500 per card account
Validity: 22 April - 03 May 2022

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